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[*on the report of the Third Committee (A/71/484/Add.1)*]

71/185. Human rights treaty body system

The General Assembly,

Recalling the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights,[1] the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights,[1] the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities,[2] the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance,[3] the International Convention on the Protection of the Rights of All Migrant Workers and Members of Their Families,[4] the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women,[5] the Convention on the Rights of the Child,[6] the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination,[7] the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment[8] and the Optional Protocol to the Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment,[9]

Recalling also Economic and Social Council resolution 1985/17 of 28 May 1985,

Recalling further its resolution 68/268 of 9 April 2014 on strengthening and enhancing the effective functioning of the human rights treaty body system,

Recalling its resolutions 69/161 of 18 December 2014 and 70/131, 70/137, 70/144, 70/145, 70/146, 70/147 and 70/160 of 17 December 2015 as they relate to the human rights treaty body system,

Reaffirming that the full and effective implementation of international human rights instruments by States parties is of major importance to the efforts of the United Nations to promote universal respect for and observance of human rights and

[1] See resolution 2200 A (XXI), annex.
[2] United Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. 2515, No. 44910.
[3] Ibid., vol. 2716, No. 48088.
[4] Ibid., vol. 2220, No. 39481.
[5] Ibid., vol. 1249, No. 20378.
[6] Ibid., vol. 1577, No. 27531.
[7] Ibid., vol. 660, No. 9464.
[8] Ibid., vol. 1465, No. 24841.
[9] Ibid., vol. 2375, No. 24841.

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fundamental freedoms, and that the effective functioning of the human rights treaty body system is indispensable for the full and effective implementation of such instruments,

Recognizing the important, valuable and unique role and contribution of each of the human rights treaty bodies in the promotion and protection of human rights and fundamental freedoms, including through their examination of the progress made by States parties to the respective human rights treaties in fulfilling their relevant obligations and their provision of recommendations to States parties on the implementation of such treaties,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the status of the human rights treaty body system;[10]

2. *Welcomes* the annual reports of the human rights treaty bodies submitted to the General Assembly at its seventieth[11] and seventy-first[12] sessions and to the Economic and Social Council at its 2015[13] and 2016[14] sessions;

3. *Invites* the Chairs of the human rights treaty bodies to address and engage in an interactive dialogue with the General Assembly at its seventy-second and seventy-third sessions under the item relevant to the work of the treaty body;

4. *Encourages* all stakeholders to continue their efforts for the full implementation of resolution 68/268;

5. *Expresses appreciation* for the organization of discussions on matters related to the implementation of each human rights treaty at meetings of the States parties thereto, and requests the Secretary-General to continue to support such practices;

6. *Also expresses appreciation* for the opportunity to interact with the Chairs of the treaty bodies during their annual meetings, and requests the Secretary-General to continue to support such opportunities;

7. *Further expresses appreciation* for the advisory services, capacity-building and technical assistance provided by the Secretary-General to support States parties in building their capacity to implement their treaty obligations, and requests the Secretary-General to continue his efforts in this regard;

8. *Reiterates* the request made in paragraph 40 of resolution 68/268 for the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its seventy-third session a report on the status of the human rights treaty body system.

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[10] A/71/118.

[11] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventieth Session, Supplement No. 18* (A/70/18); ibid., *Supplement No. 38* (A/70/38); ibid., *Supplement No. 40* (A/70/40); ibid., *Supplement No. 44* (A/70/44); ibid., *Supplement No. 48* (A/70/48); ibid., *Supplement No. 55* (A/70/55); and ibid., *Supplement No. 56* (A/70/56); see also A/70/425.

[12] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Seventy-first Session, Supplement No. 18* (A/71/18); ibid., *Supplement No. 38* (A/71/38); ibid., *Supplement No. 40* (A/71/40); ibid., *Supplement No. 44* (A/71/44); ibid., *Supplement No. 48* (A/71/48); and ibid., *Supplement No. 56* (A/71/56); see also A/71/341.

[13] *Official Records of the Economic and Social Council, 2015, Supplement No. 2* (E/2015/22).

[14] Ibid., *2016, Supplement No. 2* (E/2016/22).